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Google Map adds payment options for US users

Google Map users in the US can now pay their parking or transit fare directly through the app.

Launched as part of an expanded partnership with transportation software companies Passport and ParkMobile, this contactless payment feature will cover more than 400 U.S. cities and will include over 80 global transit agencies.

Currently, the feature is only available on Android, but Google said they will introduce it to the iOS version of the app soon.

The aim is to help users pay for parking without having to touch a meter, said Google Maps product manager Vishal Dutta and Google Pay's Fausto Araujo.

"Now you'll be able to plan your trip, buy your fare, and start riding without needing to toggle between multiple apps," The company wrote in a blog post.



Sennheiser and Formlabs to make customized headphones

German premium headphone maker Sennheiser announced a partnership with 3D printing technology developer Formlabs technology to print custom earphones.

Sennheiser's Ambeo division said the goal will be to create custom headphone eartips. Users would be able to scan their ears with a smartphone app and send it to the company to get a tip printed.

The headphones will be made using Form 3B, a printer design to use biocompatible material for dental applications.

In a press release, Formlabs

audio head Iain McLeod said, "Our technology collaboration with Sennheiser seeks to change the way customers interact with the brands they love by enabling a more customized, user-centric approach to product development," adding, "Formlabs' deep industry knowledge and broad expertise in developing scalable solutions enable us to deliver tangible innovations to our customers."

No details regarding the product's availability and pricing have been disclosed at the time of writing this article.

New car this week

Newly refreshed BMW 5 series launched

HASEEB CHOWDHURY

Executive Motors Limited has rolled out the LCI of their BMW 5 series at their showroom on February 16, 2020.

Life Cycle Impulse or LCI is the terminology BMW assigns to their mid-cycle refresh, more aptly called facelift models. Changes include full LED head and tail lights, L-shaped daytime driving lights, enlarged kidney grille, and many more.

Unlike the outgoing diesel variant, the 530e is a petrol-driven plug-in hybrid. The new four-cylinder engine makes 184 horsepower, and the hybrid system tacks on another 109 horsepower. Aptly so, the car makes 420 nm of torque (258 lb/ft) which



is necessary to move a car of this bulk around. The car is fully loaded with modern luxury features such as powered seats, ambient lighting, a premium sound system, etc. BMW has changed their direction from being a completely Motorsport driven brand to one that blends sport and luxury, and



it shows with this new 5 series.

The 530e starts at BDT 1.18cr with 5 years free parts & service warranty up to 60,000 km. The optional luxury line will cost a bit more, and is set to be sold at BDT 1.25cr.

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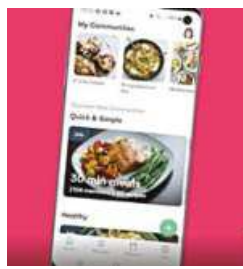
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How to ace your Video CV

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While they're not suitable for every type of job, video CVs are increasing in popularity. With employers typically inundated with applications for every advertised role, it's important to make your CV stand out. One way that career-savvy graduates are doing this is by submitting their CV in video format.

Despite the common perception that video CVs are only applicable to certain vocations, they can get you noticed by recruiters in any sector.

What is a Video CV?

A video CV is a short visual recording used by a candidate to apply for a job. Instead of replacing traditional CVs, a video CV is used to supplement a written application. They can either be uploaded to a video hosting site on the internet or sent as a video file directly to employers via email. The purpose of a CV in this format is to highlight a candidate's skills and experience while giving employers an insight into their personality. A video resume should show off your undefinable qualities and make an impression. It should convey the strengths you cannot put on a resume, qualities such as warmth, clear communication, charisma, humour, and your off-the-cuff chatter.

When to use one

The idea of getting in front of a camera and putting yourself in the public domain can be scary, but in some industries, a video CV can really set you apart. Video CVs are most commonly used to apply for creative and customer-facing roles in sectors such as advertising, creative arts, marketing, media, PR and sales. This being said, recorded CVs do not have to be restricted to particular jobs or industries. They can also be particularly useful when applying for digital, journalism, fashion or IT-related roles. However, with more traditional jobs, such as those in law, accounting, medicine, construction etc., a video CV may not always be appropriate. When deciding whether to use a video CV take into consideration the job you're applying for and the company you hope to join. Do some research into the culture of the organization to help you decide whether it is suitable.

Top Tips Write a Script

First things first: Do not wing it. To ensure your video includes everything

that you need to cover, write a script out first. This will give you time to perfect what you want to say and phrase everything in the best way. If you are going to be on camera then it is also best to memorize the script. You do not want to be reading from it while filming as this could come across as unprofessional and detract from how you want to portray yourself to potential employers.

Make it Relevant

Just like a paper resume, your video resume should be specific to the role you are applying for. A generic video is unlikely to impress potential employers, but personalization will show them how much the role means to you and will make for a more memorable application!



Keep it Short

Recruiters are busy people. They have a lot of resumes to get through and they want to be able to do it as quick as possible. If you send in a feature-length biopic about your life so far, it's safe to say that they are not going to watch it in its entirety. The ideal video length for maximum viewer engagement is 1-2 minutes, with 90 seconds being the sweet spot.

Get Creative

Unfortunately, a video alone is not going to make you stand out. Tons of people are making video resumes now, so you need to make yours worth watching. Think outside the box and get creative when it comes to filming your video.

Make it Professional

This might seem like stating the obvious, but your video should be of professional quality. Thankfully, most smartphones these days are capable of filming in HD. It is fine to shoot it (or animate it) yourself, but make sure that the lighting, framing and editing are akin to that of a video made by a professional. Also, make sure that your voice can be heard clearly—whether you're speaking directly to the camera or recording a voiceover.

Collect Feedback

Before sending your video resume out to employers, ask your family and friends to critique it. It's always better to get feedback from others because they may spot a mistake that you missed, or they might even suggest

a fantastic idea that did not occur to you.

Video CV Don'ts

* Don't mix your personal life with your professional one. If you have information on your Facebook or Twitter page that you'd prefer employers don't see, don't link your video resume to them.

* Don't expect your video resume to replace your traditional resume. Not all employers are interested in a video resume, and others are worried about discrimination issues, such as hiring candidates because of how they look and sound rather than their qualifications. However, a well-done video can bolster your candidacy for employment.



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Five common car features that are going the way of dinosaurs

RAHBAR AL HAQ

Full-Size Spare Wheel

Usually, automakers adopt and drop car features based on the market demand and avoid forcing something onto the customers. The space-saver tires are somewhat of an exception to this rule. As tires grew in size, the automakers found it more and more difficult to fit a full-size spare in the trunk. This, combined with the ever-increasing cost of alloy wheels, it simply became more convenient for them to replace all spare tires with a small diameter substitute wheel, commonly referred to as a "donut" by the car community. Some tried to eliminate the concept of spare wheel entirely, replacing it with run-flat tires and tire sealant kits, which thankfully didn't catch on. Regardless, the adoption of the donut all but killed the practice of full-sized spare tires, with most carmakers only offering them with proper 4x4's.



Car phones

Before the days of everyone having a phone in their pockets, portable cellular devices were a privilege reserved only for the extremely wealthy. Early mobile phones were not only very bulky, but they also cost as much as an entry-level car. Factory-installed telephones were a popular option in high-end luxury cars from the 1970s to the early '90s, being treated both as a necessity and a status symbol. However, as phones shrunk down in size and cost, they slowly lost their allure. The final death knell for these devices came in the late 2000s when cellular service providers shut off their connection, turning these once ultra-luxury options into decorative pieces.

CD/disk Players

Although still a common sight on Dhaka roads, head units with dedicated cd players are slowly being phased away from new cars. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, the use of CD itself has pretty much fallen on the wayside since the early 2010s, with most people preferring USBs for data transportation. The other reason is the widespread adaptation of mobile phones and music streaming services. It simply does not make any sense for anyone to lug around half a dozen CDs when one can simply have all the songs on their phone. So, as much as some people love their CD racks, they are not making a comeback.



Cigarette lighters

Of all the items on this list, this one is something we are glad is no longer a thing. Before the turn of the millennia, cigarette lighters and ashtrays use to be common on all cars. And people did use them, much to the detriment of both their personal health and car's interior. Modern cars have largely done away with this feature, replacing the lighters with 12-volt sockets or dual USB chargers. Not only this shift has resulted in a positive health impact, for us petrolheads, it also had the added benefit of being able to buy lightly used cars without a grimy, tar covered interior.



Power radio antenna

Cars used to have large metal poles—about 31-inches—sticking out of them. These served as the antennae for the car's radio. The 1/4th wavelength rods were essential for radio reception, and required users to manually stretch them out in order to listen to some music. Luxury cars usually had a motorized collapsible antenna, which automatically extended whenever the occupants turned on the head-unit. Modern cars have traded these impromptu flagpoles for rooftop-mounted "shark fin" and stubby rubber antenna's, which while admittedly more practical, lacks the sheer presence of the old solution.



Catfishing: What you need to know about this form of cyberbullying

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Thanks to the internet and social media, we can now connect and communicate with new people now and then. However, this innovative way of communication opens up the doors to fraudulence and cyberbullying. And catfishing is one of those deceptive ways to trick and bully people.

What is catfishing?

Catfishing is the act of pretending to be someone else to deceive people or to entangle people into fake relationships and later exploit them. It refers to the practice of creating a false identity by setting up a fictitious profile. A catfish gets a hold of someone's picture and uses it as bait to con people. In most cases, the ultimate goal of this malicious actor is to extract money or personal details from people by harassing or blackmailing them. It is like a combination of phishing and cyberbullying.

Catfishing and cyberbullying go hand in hand as a catfish impersonate someone else and it is an intentional act. Like a cyberbully, a catfish often exploits the emotions of people, especially those who are emotionally vulnerable. The victims are mostly those who have somehow expressed some kinds of their personal views and

opinions online which have caught the attention of the catfishes.

Telltale signs of catfishing

If you don't want to be duped by any strangers online, look for the signs of a catfish in a person with whom you are interacting.

Avoid personal communication

A catfish does not want to talk in person, on the phone or in video chat showing excuses. They are too much friendly while interacting with you and build a good bonding within a short period. But they still avoid to share minimum contact information or to have a face-to-face conversation with you.

Have lots of friends of the opposite sex or a handful of friends on social media
For instance, a regular female catfish will have a great number of male friends online. Likewise, a male catfish targets females resulting in a great number of female friends online. Additionally, a catfish may keep very few friends or no friends online which is quite unusual for now. It can also be a sign of a catfish.

Lack of proper grammar

Whenever it comes to some sorts of phishing and cyberbullying, there is a

common way to find out about it and that is a lot of grammatical mistakes in the texts or messages. And there is no exception in the case of catfishing. If you see the unknown person is not at all comfortable while sending you messages in their native language, you should try to find out some more details about them. This is a sign that you should consider, but it may not always be true.

Ask for money

As mostly the ultimate aim of these frauds is to extract money from the victims, they'll ask for money giving various excuses such as family issues, medical conditions, financial crisis etc. It is always nice to help people who are in need. However, you need to be cautious before any money transaction for your safety. Don't fall for people with profile pictures of some random anime characters or dolls asking for money or flexload. Let's not go back to those days of Facebook when such fraudulence regarding flexload or money transaction was common.

How to avoid a catfish

Being cautious

While talking to someone whom you don't know personally, you must be cautious

about their approach and intention. Try to find out what they want by questioning tactfully. And if someone whom you know is trying to contact you from a different profile and the behaviour seems unusual, do not hesitate to confront that person. In case you have that person's number, you can even call him/her to be assured.

Search his/her image on Google Reverse
Sometimes a catfish takes images from the common resources available such as different social media platforms or Google. In case you are confused, you can check their picture of what they claim to be theirs on Google Reverse. If you get the exact one and they are different people, you are being catfished.

Avoid accepting random friend requests or talking to people

The internet is a great way to communicate with new people. However, we must ensure that the person with whom we start building a relationship is not a fraud. Do some basic research about the person before accepting a random friend request. Furthermore, thorough research and basic details of that person are mandatory before you share your feelings or sensitive information with them.

Amazfit GTR 2: A must-have

SHAHRIAR RAHMAN

Amazfit devices by Huami are often referred to as the 'OnePlus of wearable' by techies. By all means, that's one of the easiest ways to describe the brand which has filled the vacuum, between high-end wallet-denting wearables and the shoddy smart straps, by bringing a range of products. Today we bring you the review of Amazfit GTR 2, the sleeker iteration of Amazfit GTR.

Amazfit GTR 2's design is a major upgrade compared to the previous model of the device. Starting from the colour accent to the sleeker bezel- the smartwatch has brought a cleaner retro vibe to design. The build seems solid and the casing has a smooth metal finish on the back making this device ideal for everyday use with all kinds of attires. We reviewed the sports edition of the smartwatch which comes with a flimsy rubber strap. But the strap can be changed, and the black casing of



the device goes with a variety of straps. However also bear in mind that, the straps are not widely available so you might need to ship in from abroad.

Amazfit GTR 2's display is stunning. The 1.39-inch AMOLED screen is clear, bright and responsive. Even on the sunniest days of January and February, I did not have any trouble seeing the display. The smartphone offers an always-on display where only the time is visible all the time, but the display is dimmed

out. Interestingly, despite being dimmed out, I had no problem seeing the time.

The device can be considered feature-rich, particularly for the price range it belongs in. Sadly, like most Android or Apple wearables, there is no option to install apps on the device. The features include activity tracking, health monitoring including SpO2 testing, music playback, checking notification and receiving calls. The best for me was storing music right on your smartwatch. This cool feature allowed me to connect the watch with my wireless headphone over Bluetooth. This feature was perfect for me when I was in the gym because I needed not carry my phone around. The bottom push button on the watch is programmable so you can use it for dedicatedly sports activity if you want to. The watch does have voice control powered by Amazon's Alexa, but I never ended up using the

feature. The smartwatch comes with basic waterproofing so you can use it even on rainy days. You need to install an app called 'Zepp' for accessing most of the Amazfit devices. The app offers streamlined access to your watch and allows you to tweak some of the features. You can also head to the store to download new watch faces for the device. Unfortunately, the options are not as much as you would want. The activity tracker seemed accurate, maybe with a deviation of 5-6%.

The battery support of the device varies with how you are using it. I found without using always-on display and with minimal activity tracking the battery life of the device would last 18 to 21 days. However, the battery would become less than half when you turn on the always-on display. With the always-on display turned on, I needed to charge the smartwatch every 6 or 7 days.

Amazfit GTR 2 is undoubtedly a great wearable. For under BDT 15k, it is definitely worth the value it offers. We have no complaints about the device, but it would have been an amazing device only if would come boxed with some additional strap so that you have the option to swap the straps out matching with your attires.

Price: Tk 13,990.00/- @ motionview stores.

Photos: Shahriar Rahman





The do's and don'ts after getting the Covid-19 vaccine

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

Once you receive the Covid-19 vaccine, are you free not to wear your masks and follow hygiene guidelines? Or what should you do to boost the effectiveness of the vaccine shot? In case you or any of your family members has got the vaccine or is ready to get one, here are 6 dos and don'ts after taking the shot of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Do's after getting the Covid-19 vaccine

Do contact a doctor if adverse effects from the vaccine can be seen

Sometimes some mild side effects from the Covid-19 vaccine may be observed. Be careful to notice these symptoms in the first 72 hours after vaccination is administered. Some of the symptoms that you have been affected adversely are mild fever and chills, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain around the injected area, headache and achiness. For mild fever, chills, headache or body ache, general pain and fever-reducing medication can come in handy. However, it is better to consult a doctor if possible. But if the symptoms last for more than 72 hours or you have more severe reactions due to the vaccination, you must contact a doctor

as soon as possible. However, severe reactions from the Covid-19 vaccination are rare.

Do eat well to boost your immunity

Vaccines do not start working against the virus right away. And for powering up the immune system to fight off infection, one needs to intake nutritious and well-cooked foods that have lots of vitamins, antioxidants and minerals. For example, consuming seasonal vegetables, fruits, eggs or other poultry products, nuts, etc. can help deliver the right immune response after the vaccination and support vital functions of your body. Given that elderly people are mainly getting vaccinated and malnutrition is common among these people, raising nutrients is an important step to take to boost the effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Do get the second shot of the Covid-19 vaccine too ever after the first shot

To generate good protection against the virus, the second shot of this vaccine within the recommended time frame is much needed. A single dose may not respond properly to fight off the infection in some cases, but a second

dose can increase enough efficacy and immunogenicity. In Bangladesh, the government has decided to administrate the second dose eight weeks after the first jab in light of WHO suggestion. Always stay informed about the new updates regarding the doses of the Covid-19 vaccine and further recommended ways to be safe.

Don'ts after getting the Covid-19 vaccine

Do not leave the hospital immediately after being vaccinated

As mentioned earlier, adverse effects due to the Covid-19 shot can be seen in some cases. Sometimes side effects show up promptly just after the vaccination. This is why it is recommended to wait for at least 15 minutes in the hospital after being injected with the vaccine. Even if any major symptom does not show up, temporary weakness is common when someone gets vaccinated. Hence, it is recommended to wait a bit and do not leave the hospital alone or do not drive yourself.

Do not ditch your masks yet

Though vaccination provides a certain degree of protection against the

Covid-19, it doesn't guarantee a complete defence against its infection. Vaccination doses offer some level of protection after 14-28 days and it will take time to ensure vaccination for everyone or mass immunization. In such a situation, we don't know if you or someone around you is a carrier of this virus or not. So for safety purposes, you are still bound to wear masks in public places to keep yourself as well as others from the Covid-19.

Do not forget to follow social distancing and basic hygiene guidelines

Following six-feet distance in public places is proven as one of the effective ways to control the spreading of the Covid-19. Even after getting vaccinated against the Covid-19, you don't get the pass to roam around in crowded areas or to meet people in large numbers without any protection. The thing is that it may help prevent the spread of the virus in the body of someone who gets the vaccination, but it cannot cut down the risk of transmission as well. Hence, follow social distancing along with other basic hygiene guidelines to slow the spread.

Four must read Dr. Seuss books and some green ham

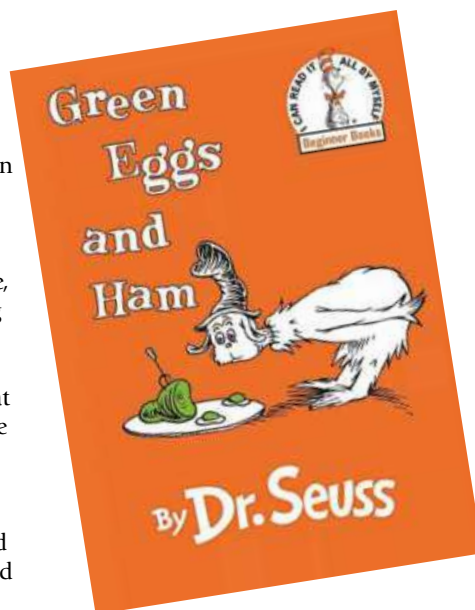
And adaptation to avoid

Theodor Seuss Geisel, known to the world as Dr. Seuss, has been immortalized for his use of wordplay, rhyme, and charming characters in his books that inspire millions of young readers throughout the globe. Some of his works teach important lessons while others teach young readers to speak in a fun and interactive way. We bring you four books that you should start with if you are looking to get into the colorful world of Dr. Seuss.

Green Eggs and Ham

The premise of this book, on the surface, is simple. Mr. Negativity is a grumpy grouch who dislikes green eggs and ham, even though he never actually tried it. So, when Sam-I-am pesters him to eat a plate, we soon find out we can't really know what we'll like until we try it! It is said the original inspiration for this book was Bennett Cerf, co-founder of the publisher Random House, who challenged Seuss to write a book using only 50 unique words or less. Seuss rose to the challenge, and the book indeed uses exactly 50 words. All in all, a great book that encourages children to try something before making a judgment, a trait that sadly many adults lack nowadays.

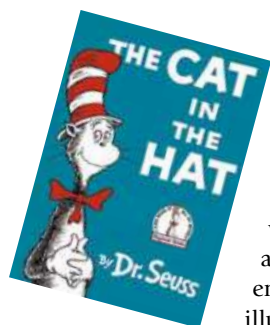
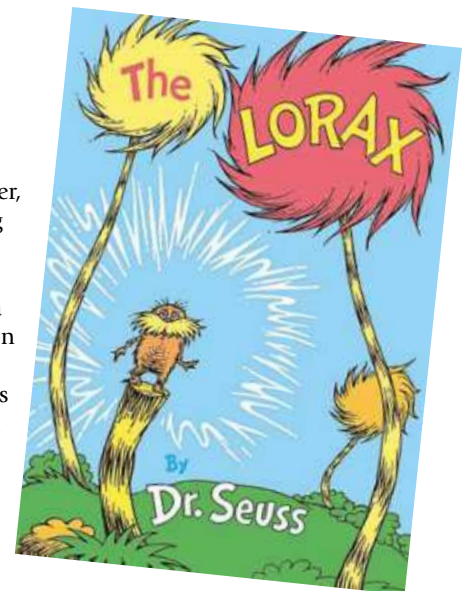
After you're done reading, check out the great Netflix adaptation. The show managed to break the curse of Dr. Seuss adaptation and is actually quite good.



The Lorax

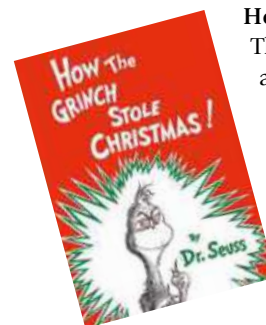
A cautionary tale of how our behavior is hurting the planet, the message of the Lorax is more important than ever before. The story revolves around the little mustachioed potato-shaped crusader Lorax and industrialist Once-ler, with the latter being focused on cutting down every one of Lorax's beloved Truffula Trees because "everyone needs them". The environmentalist classic is a warning about how reckless exploitation of resources leaves the surrounding ecosystem hopelessly polluted and does irreparable damage to the ecosystem. A message that both children and adults should take to the heart.

Also, stay a forest length away from the animated adaptation. Its blatant product placements makes a mockery of the original message.



The Cat in the Hat

If you're one of the sad folks who got mentally scarred by the live-action adaptation, take Sam-I-am's advice and read the original book. Published in 1957, this kids' classic put Dr. Seuss on the map. The story follows the life of Sally and her brother, whose rainy day indoors turns into a crazy adventure with a giant cat in a giant hat and sidekicks, Thing 1 and Thing 2! The unique use of rhyming in the book encourages multiple reading, and the book's colorful illustrations capture the Cat's exuberant spirit.



How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

The timeless Christmas classic is a story of joy, love, and acceptance anytime, anywhere! The story revolves around the mean & furry Grinch, who for some unknown reason, hates Christmas and the whole festive season! He hatches a daring plan to rob Whoville of their Christmas, and goes on to discover that kindness, compassion, and a large dose of Christmas cheer can warm even a heart that's "two sizes too small."

Unlike the previous two adaptations on this list, Jim Carrey's live-action take falls in the middle of the road. Not terrible by any standards, but still leagues behind the actual book.

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